

Doctoral Line in Sexology of the University of Almería

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Sexology, in recent times has begun to climb steps, academic and research level, to become a university discipline, less and less peripheral and marginalized. Sexology is not a newborn science. He has a long history, but he needed to institutionalize academically. The level of research papers published in impact journals is very low in relation to other disciplines.

In 2003, the University of Almería launched its own Master's degree in Sexology. And in 2007, this title became official, the first Official Master in Sexology in the European Community. It is the first official postgraduate degree, both researcher and professionals, with direct access to a doctoral line in Sexology. In this doctoral line, 15 people have already successfully completed and passed their doctoral thesis, with Sexological

investigations, mostly with cross-sectional and correlational research, with different lines of research in Sexology, and some with scale validations, as necessary for Sexological research. The quotas of doctoral students are currently co-opted in that line, and we have had to go to other doctorates (Humanities, Medicine, Education, etc), to give way to high demand, and at this time there are 25 people enrolled, of which 4 have already concluded, and another 10 will do so in October.

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Doctoral Program in Human Sexuality at Porto University in Portugal

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The Doctoral Program in Human Sexuality (DPHS) at Porto University <https://www.fpce.up.pt/pdsh/en/about.html> aims to promote advanced knowledge and the development of excellent research in a relevant area, central to the well-being and biopsychosocial health.

The DPHS is one of the first PhD programs of this kind in the European space and one of the few internationally. Promotes high quality advanced training while establishing international strategic partnerships, with the final goal of establishing an international research centre in the area of sexuality at the University of Porto and in Portugal.

The PhD is multidisciplinary in nature and has five thematic areas: sexual education, gender, sexual medicine, sexual and reproductive health and clinical sexology.

The PhD is a 3-year program: the 1st year covers a number of thematic areas in the five main areas, the 2nd and 3rd year are devoted to the development of a doctoral dissertation (promoting the dissemination of the studies through its presentation at scientific

meetings and publication in international peer-reviewed journals).

The Doctoral Program can also count on a laboratorial resource: the SexLab (<https://www.fpce.up.pt/sexlab/eng/home.html>).

Lastly, this Doctoral Programme aims to establish institutional partnerships at the level of teaching and research (as well as mobility of faculty and students) with some of the most reputable international universities in the subject of human sexuality, benefiting from a network of existing collaborations with some of the most recognized international researchers in the domain of sexuality (this network includes universities and other scientific and professional organisations in Europe and in the American Continent, such as the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) (<http://www.worldsexology.org/>).

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